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For: METHOD FOR STABILIZING SOIL AGAINST EROSION

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FEE CALCULATION: No Additional Fees Due. Upon entry of the below amendment, the total number claims will be 20 or less, and the number of independent claims will be 3 or less.

AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 29, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

REPLACEMENT PARAGRAPH(S), SECTION(S) AND CLAIM(S):

In the Claims:

14. The method of claim 1 wherein the testing step includes removing a core sample of the soil from the land area.

The method of claim 17 wherein the testing step includes removing a core sample of the soil from the land area.

Claims 32 through 38 have been with drawn without prejudice.

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